



“THE LINC”

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City of Lincoln Holidays

City Hall will be closed over the course of the next thirty days in observance of the following holidays:

Lincoln's Birthday
February 12
Presidents' Day
February 15

If you need to pay a sewer bill during that period, feel free to use our drop box location at the 200 block of Kickapoo Street.

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CITY PURCHASES NEW STREET EQUIPMENT

To help assist in the quick repair of roads and streets, the City purchased a spray injection patching machine, called the “Total Patcher.”

The Total Patcher uses oil and rock to repair potholes, utility cuts, asphalt cracks, and many other poor road conditions, and can do many of those jobs quickly. Our demonstrations showed potholes being repaired in less than ten minutes!

Use of this machine will reduce the need to completely resurface roadways if poor surface conditions arise. It also allows the City to extend the

useful life of the streets.

Getting to cracks and potholes quickly keeps water and continuous traffic pressure from making larger problems in the roadway surface.

Even though it is a large piece of equipment, the required manpower to operate the Total Patcher is also minimal—as few as two crew members are needed to properly operate the machine. This means that the City can address roadway problems without a large drain on manpower.

“With dollars becoming tighter, we have to find a way to work smarter,” said Walt Landers, Street Superintendent. “This is an example of how we can meet the needs of our residents and be smarter with our time and money.”



CITY ADOPTS NO PARKING ON SNOW ROUTES

Last year, the City Council adopted a Snow and Ice Control Plan to better organize how the City prepares and executes operations related to Snow removal.

Each year prior to the “snowfall season” the City evaluates its equipment and procedures, and staff then discusses ways to make snow and ice removal operations more effective and efficient. Moving into this season, the overwhelming recommendation was the difficulty of snow plows to

navigate narrow boulevards and streets with considerable on-street parking. Cars along narrow roadways make snow removal difficult as crews must swerve to miss parked vehicles which also leaves areas of the street untouched.

To address this problem, the Street Department has recommended the following streets be considered “No Parking” in snow events of more than two inches:

- **Lincoln Ave.** from College to N. Union;

- **Park Place** from N. Union to N. Elm;
- **North Side of Pulaski St.** between S. Ladue and S. Sherman;
- **Southgate** from N. Kickapoo to Bond;
- **Wyatt Ave.** from Railer Way to S. McLean.

Violators of the No Parking Zone may be fined \$75 per occurrence or be towed. For the full Snow and Ice Plan please go to www.lincolnil.gov and view the Snow and Ice Control Plan via our homepage.

REVIEW OF LINCOLN 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

In February 2015, the City Council met in Normal for the purpose of identifying specific goals to improve the City as an organization and make it more responsive to the needs of residents. What resulted from that conversation was

the "Lincoln 2020 Strategic Plan." More than simply an economic development document, the Plan has goals that stretch across a number of facets of our residents' lives including communication and responsiveness,

improvements to infrastructure, growing our workforce, and improving quality of life.

In January, the City Council again met to

analyze progress and discuss if the identified priorities remain the same. The four-hour session promoted great discussion amongst the alderman and department heads. Generally speaking, the Council was pleased with the progress over the eleven month period. To view the current strategic plan, go to www.lincoln.il.gov

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CITY OF LINCOLN PROFILE

Over the course of the next editions of "The Linc," we will profile city staff so that you can better know the people serving you and your community.

Name: Paul Adams

Position: Police Chief

Tenure with the City of Lincoln: Started in the fall of 1997, promoted to Corporal in 2001, Sergeant in 2004, Deputy Chief in 2014, Chief in 2015

Family Life: I grew up in Lincoln attending Washington-Monroe, Central, LJHS, and graduated from LCHS. I am married to my wonderful wife Kari and have two children, Cody and Emma.

What do you do? I oversee operations of the Lincoln Police Department.

What's your favorite part of the job?

I really enjoy talking with the people in my community and interacting with the children with a simple "Hello" to make them smile.

What do you do in your spare time?

My spare time goes to my family and computers. I love outdoor activities: camping, hunting, and water sports.

How can people get in touch with you?

Best way to contact me is by phone at 217-732-2151 or from the city website at <http://www.LincolnIL.gov>.



Mayor Marty's Office Hours at City Hall:

Tuesdays: 2-4PM
Thursdays: 2-4PM

Have a question of the new mayor, or just want to stop by and say, "Hello!"? Mayor Marty Neitzel has established office hours from 2-4PM every Tuesday and Thursday where she is available for walk-ins or appointments. You're welcome to stop by!